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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the FINAL Office Action of September 13, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of this Continued Prosecution Application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 13 without prejudice. Kindly amend the following

Claims:

(Three Times Amended) An improved pressure vessel comprising: